

Lineage and Honors History
Of the
42 Tactical Missile Squadron

Lineage. Constituted as 2 Sea-Search Attack Squadron (Medium) on 8 Jun 1942. Activated on 17 Jun 1942. Redesignated as: 2 Sea-Search Attack Squadron (Heavy) on 24 Jun 1943; 2 Search Attack Squadron (Heavy) on 22 Nov 1943. Disbanded on 10 Apr 1944. Reconstituted and consolidated (19 Sep 1985) with 942 Forward Air Control Squadron which was constituted as 942 Forward Air Control Squadron on 18 Mar 1953. Activated 20 Jun 1953. Inactivated on 8 Mar 1954. Redesignated as 42 Tactical Missile Squadron on 19 Sep 1985.

Assignments. 1 Sea-Search Attack Group (later Sea-Search Unit, Search Attack Group), 17 Jun 1942-10 Apr 1944 (an air echelon attached to I Bomber Command, 17-23 Apr 1942).

Stations. Langley Field, VA, 17 Jun 1942-10 Apr 1944, (air echelons operated from Key West, FL, 17-23 Apr 1942, and from Edinburgh Field, Trinidad, 20 Sep -21 Oct 1942). Chunchon, Korea, 20 Jun 1953-8 Mar 1954.

Aircraft. B-25, 1942; B-18, 1942-1943; B-24, 1943-1944.

Operations. Served primarily as a testing unit for electronic detection gear and trained crews for their tactical users. In conjunction with these tests, flew antisubmarine patrols from Jul 1942 until late 1943.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Antisubmarine, American Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. None.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 19 Sep 1985.

Aircraft and Operations through 10 Apr 1944

Emblem. Approved on 9 Jan 1943 (2 Sea-Search Attack Squadron (Medium)).

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